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In re application of

E. Michael Kerr et al

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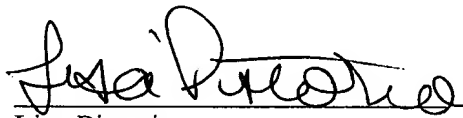
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Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Office Action dated November 20, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of the term for response, from the present term of February 20, 2002, up to a new term of May 20, 2002.

A check is enclosed in the amount of \$920.00 for this three-month extension.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-2126 for any additional fee deemed necessary.

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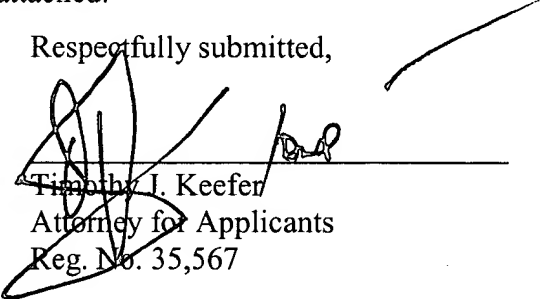
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Respectfully submitted,



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